Getting Started

If you have already created your account, go to:

http://schuylkillcorps.org/admin/

If you did not, search your email for a message from Omeka
Useful Resources

Your Course Site

Dashboard:
http://schuylkillcorps.org/admin/

“Public” Website:
http://schuylkillcorps.org/

- My initial email
- Penn Libraries Omeka Guide
- Official Omeka Guide
- Omeka Gym
- Omeka Forums
- Penn Omeka Gallery
- Email questions to
  ahnberg@upenn.edu
- Attend Office Hours: Fridays,
  2-4pm in Van Pelt 124 (First
  Floor, Weigle Information
  Commons)
What is Omeka?

- Content Management System (like Wordpress or Weebly or Wix)
- Omeka is designed for GLAM!!!!! (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, & Museums)
- Omeka allows you to **create** and **curate** digital objects
What Can I Do with Omeka?

- Build a digital exhibit of museum objects
- Tell the story of a collection of manuscripts
- Create an archive of narratives about a community through Oral Histories, etc
Why use Omeka?

- Encourages the collection and organization of information in a manner which promotes preservation
- Open Source: It is very easy to adapt & extend
- As a field standard, it is easy to share and extract data
- Promotes open data
Sample Omeka Sites

http://guides.library.upenn.edu/dh-projects
How do I turn my assignment into an Omeka Exhibit?
Parts of Omeka: Items & Files

- **War & Peace (the book)**
  - **Files:**
    - warandpeace.txt
    - warandpeace_cover.jpg

- **Viking Sword**
  - **Files:**
    - sword_image1.jpg
    - sword_image2.jpg

- **Medieval Manuscript**
  - **Files:**
    - manuscript_scan.pdf
    - manuscript_image.jpg
    - reading_text.mp3

- **Item: War & Peace**

- **Item: Viking Sword**

- **Item: Medieval Manuscript**
Parts of Omeka: Describing an Item with Metadata

**Item:** Medieval Manuscript

**Files:**
- manuscript_scan.pdf
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**Dublin Core Metadata (the basics!):**
- Title
- Description (what am I looking at here? what is interesting about this?)
- Creator (who made this?)
- Source (if you aren't the creator, where did you get this?)
- Date
- Format (what is this made of? what are its physical dimensions?)
- Relation (where can I go for more information?)
- Coverage (where is this from? when is this from?)

**Item Type Metadata (advanced!!!):**
- What kind of object is this?
  - Physical Object
  - Image (Still Image)
  - Sound
  - Video (Moving Image)
  - Website
  - Person
- What additional ways can I describe this type of thing?
Parts of Omeka: Exhibits

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Omeka Walkthrough

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Next Steps...

- Add the rest of your Items
- Review Sample Websites
- “Wireframing” activity
  - Create 3 x 5 cards that represent subtopics, Omeka items, and visualizations
  - Arrange 3 x 5 cards on whiteboard or large piece of paper representing your webpage
  - Remember to think about: What narrative or thesis are you trying to share? Who is your audience?
- Turn your Wireframe into an Omeka Exhibit Page!!!
- Attend Office Hours for help with:
  - General Omeka tasks and troubleshooting
  - Creating something you have seen on another Omeka site
  - Help with “embeddables” and other visualizations
  - Styling your page
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